Nathpa Jhakri Power Project

*205 SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Himachal Hydro Power Project Nathpa Jhakri one of the largest in the country is stuck for the last few years and that the World Bank is likely to pull out of the Project;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to resume work for the completion of the project to avoid heavy cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The World Bank is providing a loan of US $ 437 million for this project. The World Bank has agreed to extend the closing date for the loan upto 31.12.1998. The World Bank is periodically monitoring the progress of construction activities, and has recognised the substantial progress made in the construction activities, notwithstanding the flash flood of August, 1997.

The completed cost of the project is now estimated at Rs. 7,217 crores, The debt equity ratio is 1:1 and the Government of India and Government of Himachal Pradesh are providing equity in the ratio of 3:1. The loan component of the project is now estimated at Rs. 3,608 crores, of which World Bank will fund Rs. 1,573 crores and Rs. 1,191 crores will be provided by foreign banks based on agreements executed the balance amount of Rs. 844 crores required to complete the project will be raised either through an additional World Bank loan or through borrowings.

There was a delay in the commencement of project activities. The commencement of project activities was delayed due to the time taken for finalisation and approval of major civil works. During the execution of the project, delays occurred due to unforeseen geological conditions which adversely affected the progress in the construction of the dam and underground works.

There was no stoppage of works at any stage. However, due to the flash flood which occurred in August, 1997, there was a partial disruption for about three months which affected the progress of the dam and tunneling works. The works are now proceeding briskly. The following steps have been taken by the Project Authority to ensure that the project is completed by March, 2002:

(i) Restoration of roads, minor bridges and a major bridge on river Satluj washed off due to flash floods, to enable regular supply of aggregates from the crushing plant of PIWA;

(ii) Replacement of equipments and materials lost in the flash floods of August, 1997;

(iii) Resolving technical problems encountered due to unforeseen geological factors by consulting a Panel of Experts; and

(iv) Close monitoring of works.

ISI Link in Madarsas

*206. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "ISI link in Madarsa boom in border areas" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated May 16, 1998;

(b) what steps Government have taken to stop such institutions to operate on Indo-Pak border; and

(c) whether some arrests have been made in this connection; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a democratic and secular country like India, it is not the State policy to

stop institutions like madarsas to operate anywhere in the country. Strict vigil is kept on the anti-national activities on the border by the State the Central agencies.

(c) No, Sir.

नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद् द्वारा उद्यानों में वृक्षारोपण किया जाना

*207. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद् का उद्यान विभाग मदरसा और मैडिकल के बीच और पालिका ग्राम मार्ग तथा लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के बीच के उद्यानों में वृक्षारोपण करने में विफल रहा है; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) सरकार ऐसे अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई कर रही है जिनकी लापरवाही से इन स्थानों पर रेहड़ी, खोमचों और फूलवालों ने अनधिकृत कब्जा किया हुआ है;

(ग) नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद् द्वारा उक्त क्षेत्रों को हरा-भरा बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं; और

(घ) क्या नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद् पालिका ग्राम मार्ग पर एक उद्यान नर्सरी बनाने का विचार रखती है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद ने उद्यान विभाग के मदरसा और अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान तथा पालिका ग्राम मार्ग और लक्ष्मी बाई नगर के बीच उनके क्षेत्राधिकार में आने वाले उद्यानों में वृक्षारोपण का कार्य सफलतापूर्वक किया है।

(ख) नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद् ने सूचित किया है कि इन उद्यानों में रेहड़ी, खोमचों और फूलवालों द्वारा नियमित रूप से कोई कब्जा नहीं किया गया है। कब्जा करने के प्रयासों पर प्रवर्तन विभाग के कर्मचारी भी नजर रखते हैं।

(ग) 1998-99 के दौरान नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद का, उनके क्षेत्राधिकार में आने वाले क्षेत्र में एक लाख वृक्ष और झाड़ियां लगाने का व्यापक कार्यक्रम है। तथापि, मदरसा और अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान के बीच तथा पालिका ग्राम मार्ग और लक्ष्मीबाई नगर के बीच उद्यानों में और अधिक वृक्षारोपण करने/झाड़ियां लगाने की और गुजाईश नहीं है।

(घ) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्। नई दिल्ली नगर पालिका परिषद की मदरसा, लोधी गार्डन और टालकटोरा गार्डन तीनों जगह एक-एक नर्सरी है जो परिषद् की वृक्षों तथा पौधों की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए पर्याप्त हैं।

Bomb Blasts

*208. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss of life and property caused by bomb blasts in different parts of the country during the last six months; and

(b) the datails of the compensation/ex-gratia payments made by Cental Government as well as the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per available information the number of persons killed in bomb blasts that occurred in various parts of the country since 01.11.1997 and upto 31.5.1998 is as follows:

State	*Number of Incidents*	*Killed*
Andhra Pradesh	1	19
Assam	10	5
Delhi	4	7
Haryana	1	1
Jammu & Kashmir	102	24
Karnataka	1	1
Kerala	1	4
Maharashtra	6	4
Tamil Nadu	19	66
Uttar Pradesh	1	—

Details relating to the loss of property are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The Central Government has not paid any compensation to the victims of bomb blast incidents. Information with